



98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB2988

by Rep. Sandra M. Pihos

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 805/3-7

from Ch. 122, par. 103-7

110 ILCS 805/3-7d new

Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides for the election of board of trustee members by trustee district rather than at large in Community College District No. 502 (College of DuPage). Makes related changes.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Public Community College Act is amended by
5 changing Section 3-7 and by adding Section 3-7d as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 805/3-7) (from Ch. 122, par. 103-7)

7 Sec. 3-7. (a) The election of the members of the board of
8 trustees shall be nonpartisan and shall be held at the time and
9 in the manner provided in the general election law.

10 (b) Unless otherwise provided in this Act, members shall be
11 elected to serve 6 year terms. The term of members elected in
12 1985 and thereafter shall be from the date the member is
13 officially determined to be elected to the board by a canvass
14 conducted pursuant to the Election Code, to the date that the
15 winner of the seat is officially determined by the canvass
16 conducted pursuant to the Election Code the next time the seat
17 on the board is to be filled by election.

18 (c) Each member must on the date of his election be a
19 citizen of the United States, of the age of 18 years or over,
20 and a resident of the State and the territory which on the date
21 of the election is included in the community college district
22 for at least one year immediately preceding his election. In
23 Community College District No. 526, each member elected at the

1 consolidated election in 2005 or thereafter must also be a
2 resident of the trustee district he or she represents for at
3 least one year immediately preceding his or her election,
4 except that in the first consolidated election for each trustee
5 district following reapportionment, a candidate for the board
6 may be elected from any trustee district that contains a part
7 of the trustee district in which he or she resided at the time
8 of the reapportionment and may be reelected if a resident of
9 the new trustee district he or she represents for one year
10 prior to reelection. In Community College District No. 502,
11 each member elected at the consolidated election in 2015 or
12 thereafter must also be a resident of the trustee district he
13 or she represents for at least one year immediately preceding
14 his or her election, except that in the first consolidated
15 election for each trustee district following reapportionment
16 by the board of trustees, a candidate for the board may be
17 elected from any trustee district that contains a part of the
18 trustee district in which he or she resided at the time of the
19 reapportionment and may be reelected if a resident of the new
20 trustee district he or she represents for one year prior to
21 reelection. In the event a person who is a member of a common
22 school board is elected or appointed to a board of trustees of
23 a community college district, that person shall be permitted to
24 serve the remainder of his or her term of office as a member of
25 the common school board. Upon the expiration of the common
26 school board term, that person shall not be eligible for

1 election or appointment to a common school board during the
2 term of office with the community college district board of
3 trustees.

4 (d) Whenever a vacancy occurs, the remaining members shall
5 fill the vacancy, and the person so appointed shall serve until
6 a successor is elected at the next regular election for board
7 members and is certified in accordance with Sections 22-17 and
8 22-18 of the Election Code. If the remaining members fail so to
9 act within 60 days after the vacancy occurs, the chairman of
10 the State Board shall fill that vacancy, and the person so
11 appointed shall serve until a successor is elected at the next
12 regular election for board members and is certified in
13 accordance with Sections 22-17 and 22-18 of the Election Code.
14 The person appointed to fill the vacancy shall have the same
15 residential qualifications as his predecessor in office was
16 required to have. In either instance, if the vacancy occurs
17 with less than 4 months remaining before the next scheduled
18 consolidated election, and the term of office of the board
19 member vacating the position is not scheduled to expire at that
20 election, then the term of the person so appointed shall extend
21 through that election and until the succeeding consolidated
22 election. If the term of office of the board member vacating
23 the position is scheduled to expire at the upcoming
24 consolidated election, the appointed member shall serve only
25 until a successor is elected and qualified at that election.

26 (e) Members of the board shall serve without compensation

1 but shall be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses incurred
2 in connection with their service as members. Compensation, for
3 purposes of this Section, means any salary or other benefits
4 not expressly authorized by this Act to be provided or paid to,
5 for or on behalf of members of the board. The board of each
6 community college district may adopt a policy providing for the
7 issuance of bank credit cards, for use by any board member who
8 requests the same in writing and agrees to use the card only
9 for the reasonable expenses which he or she incurs in
10 connection with his or her service as a board member. Expenses
11 charged to such credit cards shall be accounted for separately
12 and shall be submitted to the chief financial officer of the
13 district for review prior to being reported to the board at its
14 next regular meeting.

15 (f) Except in an election of the initial board for a new
16 community college district created pursuant to Section 6-6.1,
17 the ballot for the election of members of the board for a
18 community college district shall indicate the length of term
19 for each office to be filled. In the election of a board for
20 any community college district, the ballot shall not contain
21 any political party designation.

22 (Source: P.A. 97-539, eff. 8-23-11.)

23 (110 ILCS 805/3-7d new)

24 Sec. 3-7d. Trustee districts; Community College District
25 No. 502.

1 (a) In Community College District No. 502, the election of
2 board members shall be by trustee district rather than at large
3 beginning with the consolidated election in 2015.

4 (b) Before the 2015 consolidated election, the State Board
5 of Elections shall divide Community College District No. 502
6 into 7 trustee districts, each of which shall be compact,
7 contiguous, and substantially equal in population to each other
8 trustee district. In 2023, before the next consolidated
9 election, and in the year following each decennial census
10 thereafter, before the next consolidated election if that year
11 is an election year, the Board of Trustees of Community College
12 District No. 502 shall reapportion the trustee districts to
13 reflect the results of the census and shall divide the
14 community college district into 7 trustee districts, each of
15 which shall be compact, contiguous, and substantially equal in
16 population to each other trustee district. The division of the
17 community college district into trustee districts must be
18 completed and formally approved by a majority of the members of
19 the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 502 in
20 2023 and in the year following each decennial census.

21 (c) For each at-large seat on the board that is to be
22 filled by election in 2015 or 2017, the seat shall be filled by
23 a trustee elected from a trustee district. The State Board
24 shall determine which trustee district seat is to replace which
25 at-large seat by lot. The term of each trustee elected at the
26 2015 or 2017 consolidated election shall end on the date that

1 the trustees elected in 2019 are officially determined by a
2 canvass conducted pursuant to the Election Code. For the 2019
3 consolidated election and for each consolidated election every
4 6 years thereafter, one trustee shall be elected from each
5 trustee district to serve a 6-year term.